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ADOPTION OF THE CONVENTION BUDGET AND PROGRAMME FOR THE BIENNIUM 1998-1999

Draft decision proposed by the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole

The Supplementary Fund and the Special Fund

The Conference of the Parties,

Having considered the estimates for 1999 for the Supplementary Fund and the Special Fund, contained in document ICCD/COP(1)/3/Add.1,

1. Takes note of the estimated requirements submitted by the Executive Secretary of the interim secretariat;

2. Invites Parties, as well as Governments of States not Parties, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, to make contributions to the Supplementary Fund to be established pursuant to paragraph 9 of the financial rules to meet requirements estimated at US$ ... in 1999, including overhead charges, in order to:

(a) support the participation of some representatives of non-governmental organizations from affected developing country Parties, particularly the least developed among them, in sessions of the Conference of the Parties;

(b) facilitate assistance to developing country Parties in accordance with article 23, paragraph 2 (c), and article 26, paragraph 7, of the Convention; and the regional implementation Annexes;

(c) advance other appropriate purposes consistent with the objectives of the Convention.

3. Further invites Parties, as well as Governments of States not Parties, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, to makes contributions to the Special Fund to be established in accordance with paragraph 10 of the financial rules to meet requirements estimated at US$ ... in 1999, including overhead charges, in order to support the participation of developing, and in particular least developed, country Parties affected by desertification and/or drought, particularly those in Africa, in the sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies;

4. Requests the head of the Secretariat to report to the second and third sessions of the Conference of the Parties on the status of the Supplementary Fund and the Special Fund and to propose any related adjustments that might be required for 1999.